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PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 02P1546

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**RESPONSE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**

Applicant: Matthew J. Poduska                      Group Art Unit: 2185  
Serial No.: 10/064,931                              Examiner: Unknown  
Filed: August 29, 2002

For: SMTP METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SIMULTANEOUSLY CONFIGURING A  
PLURALITY OF REMOTE MANAGEMENT APPLIANCES

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October 2, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application  
mailed on September 6, 2002, the following documents are hereby submitted:

1. Signed Declaration by all three inventors;
2. Check in the amount of \$65 to cover the surcharge for the late filing of  
the signed declaration.
3. Two (2) sheets of substitute drawings for those originally filed with the  
above-referenced patent application. A review of the drawings  
submitted revealed that there was an error in Figure 2. Under the word  
"ETHERNET" on the left side of the drawing, it should read "In Band"  
rather than "Out of Band" as originally shown. It has now been  
corrected, and a copy of the drawing with the correction circled is red is

also attached. No new matter is being introduced by these new drawings.

**REMARKS**

A declaration is now enclosed which has been signed by the three inventors in this application.

The Examiner indicated that the informal drawings submitted with the application were not electronically reproducible. The Applicant apologizes for the poor quality of drawings that were originally submitted, and substitute drawings are enclosed at this time for examination purposes.


Respectfully submitted,

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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e));

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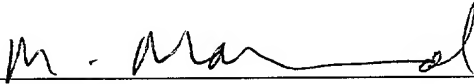
The item(s) indicated below are also required and should be submitted with any reply to this notice to avoid further processing delays.

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- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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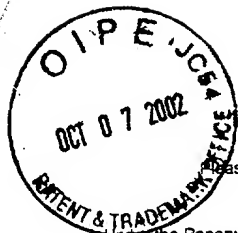


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Application Number	10/064,931
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First Named Inventor	Matthew J. Poduska
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## ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

- ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
- ☒ Fee Attached
- ☐ Amendment / Reply
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- ☐ Affidavits/declaration(s)
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- ☐ Express Abandonment Request
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- ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
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- ☒ Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53

- ☐ Assignment Papers (for an Application)
- ☒ Drawing(s)
- ☐ Licensing-related Papers
- ☐ Petition
- ☐ Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application
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- ☐ After Allowance Communication to Group
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- ☐ Status Letter
- ☒ Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):  
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Remarks

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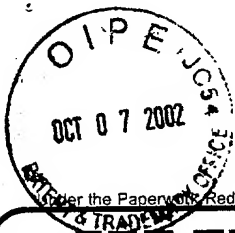
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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
			-20** =	X	
			-3** =	X	

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	\$65.00
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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